AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraph **[0053]** of the application as published under U.S. Publication No. 2004/0233674 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0053] An end 556 of the tube 548 rests upon the inner surface 560 of the balloon near or over the closed inflation opening 518. The tube 548 is fabricated, for example, of heat shrink ~~[[sink]]~~ material applied around the wiring 530, light source 526, and fiber ends 544 and blow-dried to shrink the material. Other suitable types of tubing could be used in place of or in addition to heat shrink ~~[[sink]]~~ material. The tube 548 can be of various lengths, depending on, for example, a height at which the optical fibers are desired to fan out above the tube 548. When the tube 548 is fabricated of heat shrink ~~[[sink]]~~ material, about a one-half-inch length of the tube 548 serves to hold the fiber ends 544 in place above the light source 526. The tube 548 could also be fabricated, for example, of clear plastic and could have a length of up to about two inches.

Please replace Paragraph **[0057]** of the application as published under U.S. Publication No. 2004/0233674 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0057] The tube 648 is fabricated, for example, of heat shrink ~~[[sink]]~~ material applied around the wiring 630, light source 626, and fiber ends 644 and blow-dried to shrink the material. Other suitable types of tubing could be used in place of or in addition to heat shrink ~~[[sink]]~~ material, including but not limited to clear plastic tubing.

Please replace Paragraph **[0068]** of the application as published under U.S. Publication No. 2004/0233674 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0068] The tube 848 is fabricated, for example, of heat shrink ~~[[sink]]~~ material applied around the wiring 830, light source 826, and fiber ends

844 and blow-dried to shrink the material. Other suitable types of tubing could be used in place of or in addition to heat shrink [[~~sink~~]] material. The tube 848 can be of various lengths, depending on, for example, a height at which the optical fibers are desired to fan out above the tube 848. The tube 848 could also be fabricated, for example, of clear plastic.

Please replace Paragraph **[0069]** of the application as published under U.S. Publication No. 2004/0233674 with the following paragraph rewritten in amendment format:

[0069] The balloon apparatus 800 is sealed in the same or a similar manner as the balloon apparatus 300 (shown in Figures 4A and 4B). Thus a sleeve 874 fits around the tube 848 and supports the clip 822, and allows the tube 848 to be moved by a user holding and turning an end [[~~856~~]] of the tube 848. When the balloon apparatus 800 is in use, a user grasping the tube end [[~~856~~]] can twist, spin, push and/or pull the tube 848 to cause the light source 826 and the display member to move in various ways. The user can also use the control chip 834, for example, to turn the light source on and off and cause the light source to emit different colors, to strobe, and/or perform such functions as may be available via the chip 834. The optical fibers 840 emit points of light that move with the fibers. Where the balloon 814 is transparent, the points of light are clearly visible. Where the balloon 814 is translucent, the light can appear as a soft glow.